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SUBJ: MRS. PAN SOTHI, WIFE OF FORMER GKR VICE PRIME MINISTER AND
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

CAMBODIA-B NO. 64

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1. ON APRIL 18, MRS. PAN SOTHI CALLED ON MRS. GLORIA COLLINS
OF AMBASSADOR DEAN'S STAFF TO SEEK INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
WHEREABOUTS OF HER HUSBAND, WHO CHOSE TO REMAIN BEHIND IN
PHNOM PENH. HE DID SEND HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN OUT WITH
US ON APRIL 12 AS PART OF THE "EAGLE PULL" OPERATION. AN-
OTHER CHILD IS ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES ATTENDING SCHOOL.
MRS. COLLINS INFORMED HER THAT AS YET NO WORD HAS BEEN RE-
CEIVED AS TO THE FATE AND WHEREABOUTS OF HER HUSBAND AND THAT
SHE WOULD BE INFORMED AS SOON AS ANY WORD IS RECEIVED.

2. SHE QUICKLY MOVED ON TO ANOTHER SUBJECT -- THAT OF
TRAVELLING TO THE UNITED STATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
MRS. PAN SOTHI REQUESTED AIRPLANE TICKETS TO THE UNITED
STATES FOR HERSELF AND HER CHILD FROM US AND WONDERED IF
THIS WOULD BE FEASIBLE. SHE IS AWARE OF PREVIOUS DIS-
CUSSIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY PHNOM PENH OFFICIALS AND LONG
BOTTA (REFTEL), FORMER GKR MINISTER OF CULTURE.

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3. MRS. COLLINS INFORMED HER THAT HER REQUEST WOULD BE

PASSED ON TO AMBASSADOR DEAN, THAT WE WERE AWAITING WORD
FROM WASHINGTON CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO KHMER CITIZENS,
AND THAT AS SOON AS WE KNEW ANYTHING WE WOULD LET HER
KNOW.
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